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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated July 10, 2003, the claims of Group I (Claims 1, 2, 5-28 and 32) drawn to a method for detecting the presence or absence of a first nucleotide are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicant hereby elects a second nucleotide associated with a fluorescently labeled nucleotide. Claims readable on this species are Claims 1, 5-16 and 18-25. Responsive to the requirement for an election of an additional species for searching purposes, Applicant hereby elects multiple nucleotide variants at the position of said first nucleotide which are tested simultaneously in the same reaction vessel by using more than one labeled primer. Claims 1, 2, 5-18, 20-28 and 32 are readable on this species.

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An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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